

MINUTES OF ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: Banks O' Dee Sports Club

Date: 22 August 2018

In Attendance:

Steven Chappell	ABA / League Chairman
Steven Plank	Racquets / League Secretary
Ken Watson	Fetteresso / Scorecard Secretary
Jamie King	Granite City / Fixtures Secretary
Sarah Kennedy	RGU
Jason Guyan	Fetteresso
Katrina Provan	University of Aberdeen
Lauren Dyce	University of Aberdeen
Nicol Webster	Westhill
Andrew MacKenzie	Badminton Scotland
Simon Green	Banchory
Lindsay Kessack	71 Club
Mark Gauci	ASV
Robin Ripley	Committee Advisory Role – 2017/18

1. APOLOGIES

David Ross	Glen Ythan
Dixie Crawford	Ladies Elite
Joan Prieur	Aberdeenshire Council

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

Proposed by Nicol Webster and seconded by Simon Green.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None.

4. ABERDEEN & DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE 2017/2018 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Firstly, I would like to thank the league secretary, Steven Plank, as well as the other committee members for their commitment over the past year. The committee was completely revamped at the 2017 AGM, so these roles are still new to us and I think everyone would agree that we are still learning as we go.

I would also like to thank Ken Watson for maintaining the league website and updating the results during the season. Keeping the results updated in particular is an extremely time-consuming task so we all appreciate the work he has done on this during the past year.

Last season we continued holding a number of matches at the central venue and this continued to prove successful. Steven has again managed to secure the booking with Kincorth Sports Centre, with matches scheduled to be played between 7pm – 9pm. As always Kincorth requires payment in advance, consequently clubs using the central venue are required to pay for the first half of the season's hall hire by 1st of September and the payment for the second half of the season by 1st January 2019.

The fixture list for the coming season has already been compiled by Jamie. I encourage all clubs to play the fixtures when scheduled both at the central venue and outwith. Last season, 17% of all matches were rescheduled and 8% were null and void which is quite high in my opinion. Moving forward we would hope that these percentages would reduce. Where matches are rescheduled, it is important that the Scorecard/Website Secretary (Ken Watson) and League Secretary (Steven Plank) are notified as soon as possible.

Club secretaries should very shortly be receiving reminders from Badminton Scotland to affiliate for the coming season. It is a requirement of the league that clubs are affiliated to Badminton Scotland so if the club secretaries are able to sort out affiliation as soon as possible that would be appreciated.

Unlike previous years, we have decided to present trophies to the league winning teams. Previously we haven't done this as a lot of trophies went missing, however, even without them being presented we were still losing the trophies. Therefore, moving forward any club who wishes to take a league trophy will need to sign to say they have received it and will need to have the trophy back to me at or before the club doubles tournament in March. If the trophy is lost after a club has signed for it, it will be the responsibility of the club to purchase a new trophy and have it engraved.

CLUB DOUBLES

Once again, we held the Club Doubles tournament at the central venue, Kincorth Sports Centre, where we had an entry of 24 MD teams, 6 LD teams, and 15 MX teams. The winners of the events were:

MD: Cameron Strachan & Sam Muir
LD: Claire Johnstone & Danielle Nicol
MX: Andy Hinchcliffe & Pauline Duncan

I was unable to attend the event this year due to work commitments, but by all accounts, the tournament ran smoothly, despite some issues the week before, and there were a lot of close and competitive matches. The tournament will again be held at Kincorth in the second half of the season allowing players the opportunity to play in one tournament each side of Christmas. As always, we encourage all clubs to participate, which the majority did last year.

Lastly, I would just like to take this opportunity to thank our predecessors, Robin and Ian, who have been on hand to help us out on a number of occasions during the course of the season. As a thank you from the committee, we have bought them a

little gift to treat their long-suffering other halves to a slap-up meal at Carter & Miller in Aberdeen.

Steven Chappell
Chairman
Aberdeen & District Badminton League.

5. 2017/18 LEAGUE CLUB DOUBLES TOURNAMENT REPORT

See Chairman's Report.

6. LEAGUE STANDINGS 2017/18

The Final League Standings were available on the League Website and most matches were played during the season. Ken Watson requested Secretaries to (1) keep him up to date with rearranged matches and (2) send scorecards in as soon as possible following the match being played, i.e. the next day. (Using the correct electronic scorecard).

7. BADMINTON SCOTLAND

All clubs were reminded that to participate in the League, clubs must be affiliated to Badminton Scotland.

AM commented on the following points:

- Shortage of coaches and encouraged increased participation.
- Badminton Basic course – 25th August 2018 – UKCCL1 is full.
- Shuttlemark – Bronze/Silver/Gold (various benefits of different levels).
- Club Sport Aberdeen (Level 1-2):
 - Priority with bookings
 - Helping clubs
 - Sport Aberdeen accreditation
 - Working with active schools
 - Free till Jan - £25 each season
 - Discounts on various topics, shops
 - Injury prevention
- Local Clubs:
 - Junior League (a few clubs with junior sections)
 - Workforce – require more coaches & committee members
 - Plan your club's future
- Disability Sessions – welcome to participate.
- Encouraged to discuss topics/events with AM; can communicate via email, follow/like Badminton Grampian Facebook page & Twitter account.

8. BALANCE SHEET

The updated balance sheet was circulated at the AGM and those present were informed that the League was presently in a good financial position and would continue to administer the hire costs of the central venue on behalf of all teams playing matches there.

Before the 2017/18 season commenced, IW/RR closed the Treasurer's account being used at that time. A new Treasurer's account was therefore opened by SP to be used for the 2017/18 season and upcoming seasons for the foreseeable future.

As stated in the 2017 AGM minutes, before closing their Treasurer's account, IW paid £35 (Grammar FPs cost for 2017 AGM Hall Hire), £100 (website maintenance costs), and £1,295.04 (Central Venue first half payment for 2017/18 season). Total sum paid in advance: £1,430.04. This sum effectively became the opening balance for the 2017/18 season balance sheet.

9. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

The annual affiliation fee of £35 per team remains.

10. PROVISIONAL DIVISION OF THE LEAGUES

The Committee was given discretion to divide up the divisions and leagues as appropriate in line with the revised league constitution.

11. PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGE

In June 2018, an email was issued to all Club/Match Secretaries with a revised draft of the League Constitution. The League Constitution draft document was reviewed in full at the AGM and proposed changes were agreed and adopted. The approved League Constitution document has been put into effect for the 2018/19 season and can be downloaded from the League website.

12. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

The Men's Division 2 trophy had been missing but has since been found. The committee will arrange for engraving to be brought up to date.

The Ladies Division 2 trophy has been missing for a number of seasons now, but since Ladies Division 2 has currently been dissolved, a replacement trophy will not be purchased at this time. This will be reviewed should Ladies Division 2 start up again.

The league trophies were presented to the 2017/18 season's winning teams:

Division	Mixed	Men's	Ladies
1	Fetteresso A	Fetteresso A	University A
2	Granite City	Granite City A	Granite City
3		ABA	

13. REQUEST FOR HELP AT NORTH EAST GROUP OF BADMINTON SCOTLAND TOURNAMENTS

The Chairman informed those present that the North East Group of Badminton Scotland were responsible for organising three tournaments each season:

- North East Restricted (Under 19's singles, adult open and handicap events)
- North East Junior Restricted
- North East Junior open

The Chairman asked those present if they or any members of their clubs would be prepared to assist in helping manage the tournaments at the venues, and if so to

contact Colin Ross (Fetteresso) who was Chairman of that organisation. The first of the tournaments to be held in November – Colin Ross will be in touch.

14. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following people were elected to serve on the Committee for the following season.

- League Chairman Steven Chappell
- League Secretary Steven Plank
- Scorecard/Website Secretary Ken Watson
- Fixtures Secretary Jamie King
- Tournament Secretary Ali Swan
- Ordinary Committee Member TBC

15. AOCB

The committee had been approached by a new badminton club, Inch, wishing to join the League. Due to their location outwith Aberdeen City, a vote was held to confirm the League's acceptance of this new club joining. The proposal was unanimously accepted and Inch will play in the 2018/19 season with a team in each of the following divisions: Mixed Division 2, Men's Division 3, & Ladies Division 1.

Given there are not many coaches within the local area, Mark Gauci (ASV) asked if the League would be willing to help fund club members to allow them to gain coaching accreditation. AM stated that Sport Aberdeen/Scotland options are available for funding. Mark Gauci was advised to contact the North East Group regarding funding.

SC proposed the idea of a Crombie Cup competition. Attendees present at the AGM showed interest and agreed this would be good to pursue.

It was proposed that the date of the next AGM is pulled forward to occur shortly after the season is completed (possibly during April or early May). The committee agreed this was a good idea and will confirm the date of the next AGM in due course.

Steven Chappell
League Chairman

Steven Plank
League Secretary

Ken Watson
Scorecard/Website Secretary